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SUBJECT: Italy - Italian Communists to Spain

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.

The following information was obtained from an Austrian businessman who recently visited Italy. Source 10/6369 received the information in late July from a paid informant who is a member of the FOI. Evaluation of Source: "C" (Fairly reliable) of Subsource: "P" (Reliability cannot be judged) of Information: "6" (Truth cannot be judged).

cl: Tunisia A Italy Rome
Ben SASSON, a Tunisian Jew and a member of Palmiro TOGLIATTI's secretarial staff at FOI Headquarters, Rome, allegedly reported that many Italian Communists over the past few months have been clandestinely sailing for Spain from the Genoa and Leghorn ports. Allegedly the Italian Communists are going to Spain to join "International Brigades" in the event of a Spanish Civil War.

SASSON further stated that while Italian police authorities and port security officials are well aware of the clandestine emigration to Spain they do not interfere because they feel that Italy is being "Liberated" of many Communist activists.

CIC file check proved negative.

Source: 10/6369
Subsource: as indicated

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